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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2004 for the above-identified application. This response is timely filed on or before January 24, 2005, with a Petition for a two month Extension of Time and the necessary fees. While Applicants believes that no fees are due at this time, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees, including extension fees or any other relief that may be required, in connection with this reply to Deposit Account 50-2319 (Order No. A-68718-2 (463037-217)).

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